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Police investigating two-vehicle collision in Cooksville

One driver critically injured

The Howard County Police Department is investigating a two-vehicle collision on Rt. 97 between the Carroll County line and Rt. 99 (Old Frederick Road) that occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m. today and left one driver critically injured.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a 1999 Ford Ranger pickup truck was traveling northbound on Rt. 97 when it crossed over the double yellow line into the path of a 1998 Mack dump truck traveling southbound on Rt. 97.

The driver and sole occupant of the Ford Ranger, Elijah Jones, 65, of Rockville, was transported to Shock Trauma in critical condition. Preliminary investigation indicates he was not wearing a seatbelt.

The driver and sole occupant of the dump truck, Brandy Allen, 42, of Clinton, was not injured.

Rt. 97 was closed at Old Frederick Road and the Carroll County line for several hours due to the investigation.

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